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SUMMARY: NAC ON JUNE 17 RECEIVED REGULAR BRIEFING FROM
AHG. AHG REPS STRESSED DIFFICULTIES OF PRESENT SITUATION
IN VIENNA IN THE ABSENCE OF NAC GUIDANCE REGARDING THE
DATA DISCUSSION. SEVERAL, INCLUDING US CHARGE, NOTED IN A
LOW KEY THE NEED FOR EARLY NAC GUIDANCE, WHICH WOULD ENABLE
THE EAST TO CALCULATE WESTERN NATIONAL SUB-TOTALS AT LEAST
INDIRECTLY. PAULS (FRG) MADE A BRIEF STATEMENT IN SUPPORT
OF THE CURRENT FRG PROPOSAL. END SUMMARY.

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1. NAC, ON JUNE 17, RECEIVED REGULAR BRIEFINGS FROM AHG
REPS. COL. WINTER (LUXEMBOURG) DELIVERED THE ORAL REPORT,
AND WAS ASSISTED BY BOLLAND (UK) AND NAERBY (NORWAY). COL.
WINTER IN HIS ORAL REPORT ADHERED CLOSELY TO THE TEXT IN
REFTEL.

2. KILLICK (UK) STRESSED THE GROWING DISADVANTAGE TO THE

WEST OF THE STALEMATE IN VIENNA, AND REITERATED THE UK POSITION ON THE NEED TO TABLE DATA WHICH WOULD AT LEAST ENABLE THE EAST TO CALCULATE WESTERN NATIONAL SUB-TOTALS INDIRECTLY, IF THE WEST IS TO OBTAIN THE EASTERN DATA IT NEEDS TO PURSUE THE DATA DISCUSSION AND ADVANCE WESTERN POSITIONS.

3. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION WHICH KILLICK ASKED ABOUT THE CRITERIA FOR A WESTERN DISAGGREGATION PROPOSAL LISTED IN PARA 15, REFTTEL, BOLLAND REPLIED THAT THE MAJORITY OF THE AHG HOPED TO PUT DOWN NATIONAL TOTALS OR AT LEAST GIVE THE OTHER SIDE SOME WAY TO DERIVE THEM, SINCE THIS IS VITAL FOR CONTINUATION OF THE DATA DISCUSSION. BOLLAND DEVELOPED THE NEGOTIABILITY ISSUE NOTING THAT IF THE WESTERN PROPOSAL EMBRACES THE OTHER SIDE'S PROPOSAL TO TABLE NATIONAL SUB-TOTALS, AND OFFERS TO TAKE A FURTHER STEP BEYOND THAT, THE WESTERN PROPOSAL MIGHT BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE OTHER SIDE. IF OUR PROPOSAL DOES NOT ALLOW THE OTHER SIDE TO DERIVE NATIONAL SUB-TOTALS, IT WOULD APPEAR TO HAVE NO CHANCE OF ACCEPTANCE. BOLLAND ALSO NOTED THAT A MAJORITY OF THE AHG WOULD HOPE THAT NAC GUIDANCE WOULD NOT BE SO DETAILED AS TO LIMIT AHG TACTICAL FLEXIBILITY.

4. CATALANO (ITALY) SAID THAT THE AHG'S REPORT CREATED THE IMPRESSION THAT THE WARSAW PACT DID NOT INTEND TO TAKE ANY INITIATIVE. SUCH AN ATTITUDE ON THE PART OF THE WP SHOULD MAKE THE WEST WARY REGARDING STEPS ON DATA. HE SAID IT WOULD BE A MISTAKE TO SPEED UP WORK ON NAC GUIDANCE EXCESSIVELY: WE MUST AVOID PREJUDICING OUR NEGOTIATING

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POSITION.

5. PAULS (FRG) SAID THAT HIS GOVERNMENT IS FULLY AWARE OF THE NEGOTIATING DIFFICULTIES IN VIENNA. THE FRG HIGHLY APPRECIATED THE ABILITIES OF ALLIED NEGOTIATORS, WHO MOST OF THE TIME ARE ABLE TO MAKE POINTS IN THEIR FAVOR EVEN WHEN THE GOING IS ROUGH. HE SAID THAT THE FRG WAS GRATEFUL THAT THE OTHER ALLIES WERE WILLING TO FOREGO GLOBAL NATIONAL TOTALS AND JOIN THE FRG IN A SEARCH FOR ALTERNATIVES. THE OTHER ALLIES HAVE THE LATEST FRG PROPOSAL FOR A BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR UNITS, WHICH THE FRG CONSIDERS AS NEUTRAL AND NOT PREJUDICING THE PRINCIPLE OF COLLECTIVITY. A BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR UNITS INTRODUCES A TECHNICAL ORDER OF MAGNITUDE AS OPPOSED TO A POLITICAL ORDER. IT AVOIDS DIRECT REFERENCE TO THE TOTAL FORCES OF DIRECT PARTICIPANTS. HE SAID HE KNEW THE ALLIES HAD NOT AGREED TO ALL THE DETAILS OF THIS APPROACH. HE HOPED IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS TO PREPARE GUIDANCE FOR VIENNA. HE WAS GLAD TO HEAR THAT THE SPC HAD STARTED WORK ON THOSE POINTS WHICH HAD

FOUND SOME AGREEMENT. HE SAID "THAT'S WHAT I CAN SAY FOR THE TIME BEING AND UNDER MY PRESENT INSTRUCTIONS."

6. HARTOGH (NETHERLANDS) SAID THAT KILLICK AND BOLLAND HAD SAID WHAT HE WOULD HAVE SAID. HE BRIEFLY REITERATED DUTCH VIEWS. HE TOOK ISSUE WITH PAULS' REMARK THAT THE OTHER ALLIES WERE WILLING TO FOREGO GLOBAL NATIONAL TOTALS, AND POINTED OUT THAT ALL OPTIONS WERE STILL OPEN, ALTHOUGH THE ALLIES WERE SEARCHING FOR A SOLUTION WHICH MIGHT BE ACCEPTABLE TO EVERYONE.

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7. VIBE (NORWAY) NOTED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT ATTACHES GREAT IMPORTANCE TO MBFR AS A MEANS OF ENHANCING DETENTE. HE NOTED THAT THE WEST WAS NOW ON THE DEFENSIVE IN MBFR. NORWAY UNDERSTOOD FRG CONCERNS. HOWEVER, HIS GOVERNMENT NOW THINKS THAT TO MOVE AHEAD THE WEST MUST TABLE NATIONAL FIGURES EITHER DIRECTLY, OR INDIRECTLY BY MODIFICATION OF THE FRG PROPOSAL. A WELL FORMULATED DISCLAIMER SHOULD PREVENT DAMAGE TO THE WESTERN POSITION. ANY PROPOSAL MUST

BE NEGOTIABLE AND CONDUCIVE TO REGAINING INITIATIVE FOR THE WEST.

8. SVART (DENMARK) SAID THE DANISH POSITION WAS SIMILAR TO THAT OF NORWAY. HE NOTED THAT THE JUNE 8 PRAVDA ARTICLE DEMONSTRATED EASTERN CONFIDENCE IN THEIR PRESENT STANCE. BOLLAND NOTED THAT THE ARTICLE SAID THAT THE WEST WAS BASING ITS CASE ON SIMPLE VERBAL STATEMENTS. HE NOTED
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THAT DATA IS BASICALLY WESTERN GROUND, BUT THE WEST IS NOT ABLE TO ARGUE EFFECTIVELY ON NUMBERS IN PRESENT SITUATION.
9. STREATOR (US), IN BRIEF REMARKS, NOTED THAT IT WAS CFOM THE AHG REPORT THAT THE AHG NEEDS EARLY NAC GUIDANCE. THE US HAS WELCOMED THE FRG PROPOSAL. HOWEVER, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT RESIDUAL PERSONNEL ALSO BE SUB-DIVIDED BY NATIONALITY. THE WEST NEEDS EASTERN NATIONAL SUB-TOTALS TO PURSUE THE DISCREPANCIES, AND TO GET THEM WE SHALL HAVE TO GIVE THE EAST THE ABILITY TO CALCULATE INDIRECTLY THE WESTERN SUB-TOTALS. HE OBSERVED THAT PURSUING THE DATA DISCUSSION IS STRONGLY IN THE WESTERN INTEREST IN ORDER TO ADVANCE KEY WESTERN POSITIONS, INCLUDING THE COLLECTIVE COMMON CEILING AND ASYMMETRICAL GROUND MANPOWER REDUCTIONS.

10. BOUCKAERT (BELGIUM) ASKED IF THE AHG THOUGHT THE EAST WOULD ACCEPT AN EXCHANGE OF DIVISIONAL DATA EITHER AT THE OUTSET OF THE DISCUSSION OR LATER. BOLLAND REPLIED THAT THERE HAD BEEN ONE INDICATION BY COL. KAPITONOV OF EASTERN WILLINGNESS TO EXCHANGE EASTERN DIVISIONAL DATA, BUT THAT WAS THE ONLY SUCH SPECIFIC REFERENCE. A FEW DAYS AGO THE POLISH AMBASSADOR SAID THAT WE SHOULD NOT THINK THAT AN EXCHANGE OF NATIONAL TOTALS WOULD BE THE END OF THE DATA DISCUSSION. BOLLAND SAID HE THOUGHT THAT IF THE WEST WERE MODEST AT THE OUTSET THERE WOULD BE A BETTER CHANCE OF USING MORE EASTERN DATA LATER ON. REQUIRING DIVISIONAL

DATA AT THE OUTSET COULD GIVE THE OTHER SIDE A REASON TO REJECT OUR PROPOSAL.

11. PANSA (ACTING SYG) ASKED IF THE AHG NEEDED GUIDANCE THIS NEGOTIATING ROUND, AND COL. WINTER REPLIED AFFIRMATIVELY. STREATOR

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